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Lafayette, Louisiana
July 10, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: P Sand, Reservoir C
Q Sand, Reservoir B
Valentine Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **APACHE CORPORATION** for the calling of public hearings, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the P Sand, Reservoir C, and the Q Zone, Reservoir B, in the Valentine Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the P Sand, Reservoir C, and from the Q Sand Reservoir B, in the Valentine Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, said units to be designated P RC SUA and Q RB SUA, respectively, as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the P Sand, Reservoir C, and the Q Sand, Reservoir B, in the Valentine Field, should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify each of the proposed sands and reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The P Sand in the Valentine Field has previously been defined in the 280-PP Series of Office of Conservation Orders, and the P Sand, Reservoir C is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the depths of 8,340 feet and 8,366 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Pan American Petroleum Corporation – Ducos-Abribat No. 11 Well, located in Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 20 East, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

The Q Sand, in the Valentine Field, has previously been defined in Office of Conservation No. 280-AAA, effective March 28, 1995, and the Q Sand, Reservoir B, is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing zone, encountered between the depths of 8,690 feet and 8,780 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Pan American Petroleum Corporation – Peltier No. 9 Well, located in Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 20 East, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Lafourche, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the bases for the units being requested. Questions were asked and answered. Some opposition to the unit proposals was voiced by landowners owning property south of the proposed units. The conference was then adjourned.

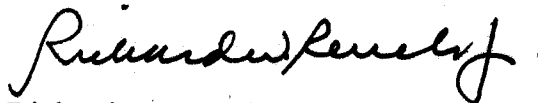
Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the applicant's proposals, the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plats (being the same plats attached to the notice dated June 13, 2003) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plats and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to

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ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

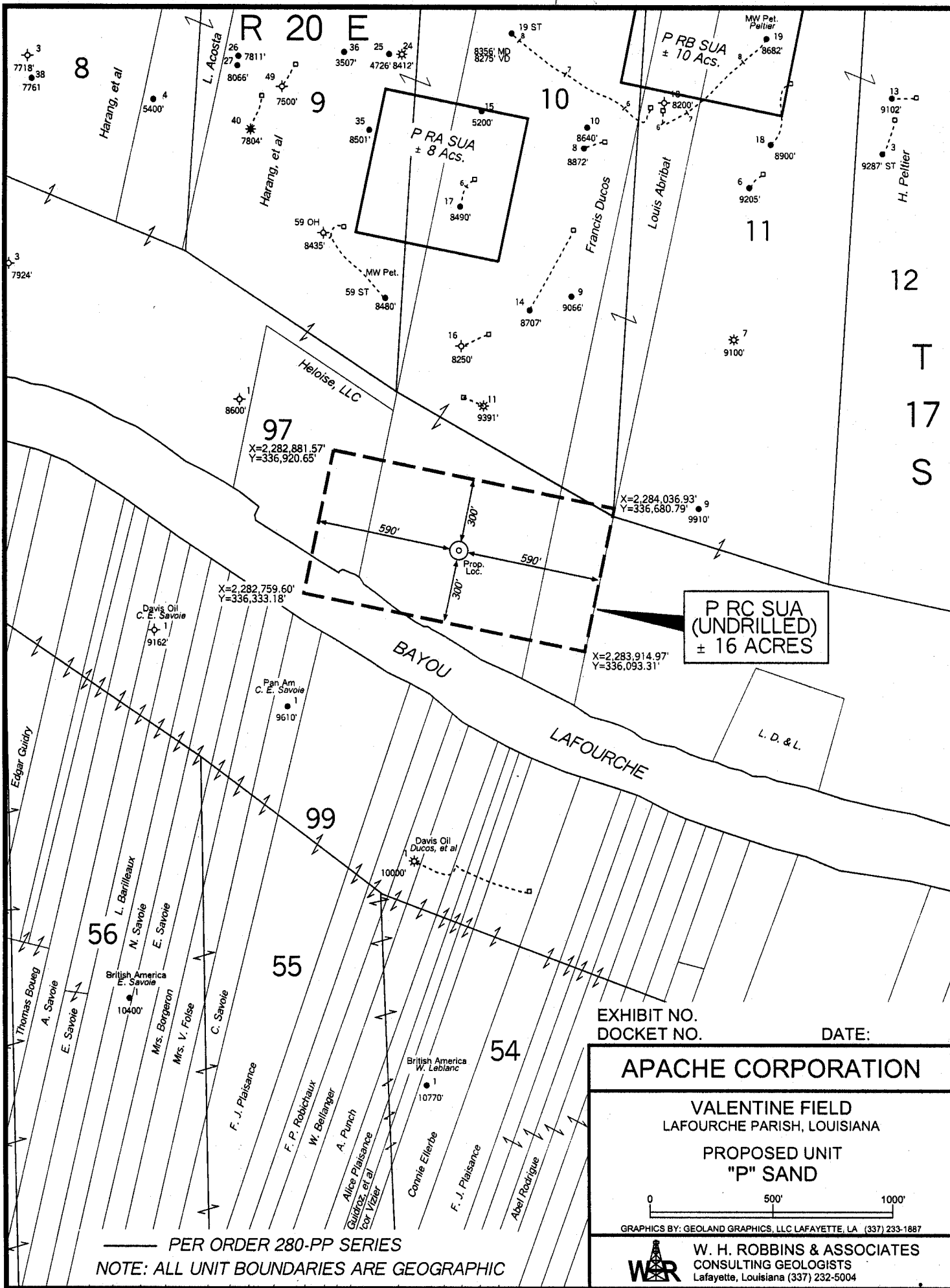


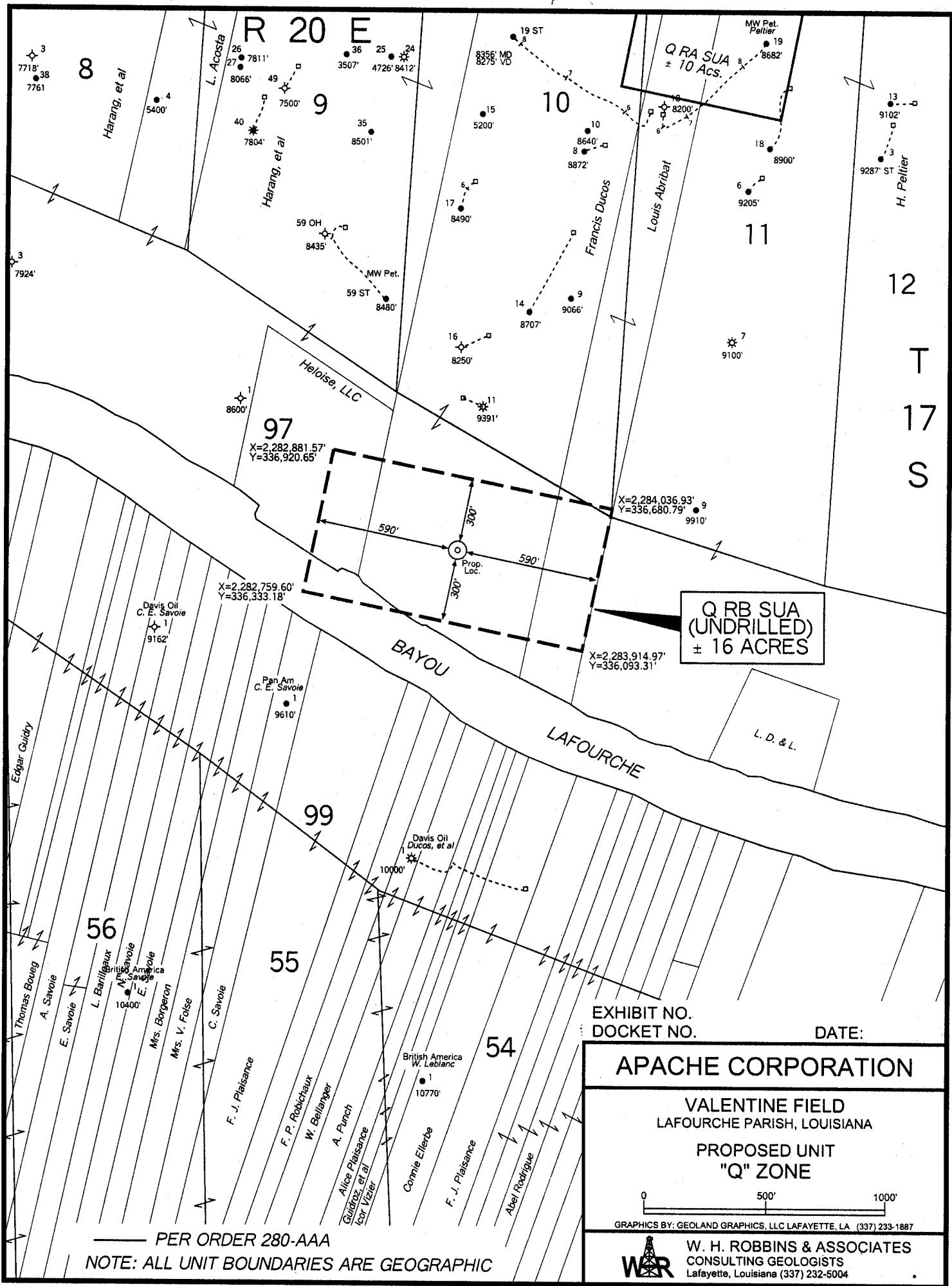
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties





PER ORDER 280-AAA
NOTE: ALL UNIT BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

EXHIBIT NO. _____
DOCKET NO. _____
DATE: _____

APACHE CORPORATION

VALENTINE FIELD
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
"Q" ZONE

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